

CLAIMS

1. Watercraft, particularly river boat,  
having a hull (12) for receiving useful devices (14),  
in which on an underside (22) of the hull (12) guiding  
elements (24) are provided in the bow area (18) and in  
each case have a vertical, forwardly tapering wedge shape  
and  
in which between the guiding elements (24) is provided a  
partial area (28) of the hull (12) which is constructed in  
the form of a horizontal wedge (30) and  
with propulsion unit (16) located on the hull (12) for  
generating a driving force,  
characterized in that  
the propulsion units (16) are positioned in the bow area  
(18) set back with respect to the guiding elements (24)  
and  
the propulsion units (16) are pivotably mounted.
2. Watercraft according to claim 1,  
characterized in that  
the guiding elements (24) are provided port and starboard.
3. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 or 2,  
characterized in that  
the propulsion units (16) are pivotable about a vertical  
axis (40).
4. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 to 3,  
characterized in that  
the propulsion units (16) are constructed as drive propellers (38).

5. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the partial area (28) essentially has the bow shape of a sea sledge.
6. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 to 5, characterized in that at least one of the guiding elements (24) tapers rearwards in the form of a vertical, stern-side wedge (36).
7. Watercraft according to claim 6, characterized in that the stern-side wedge shape (36) of at least one guiding element (24) is more obtuse than the bow-side wedge shape (26).
8. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the guiding elements (24) have recesses (42) in which are located propulsion units (16).
9. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 to 8, characterized in that additional propulsion units (16) are provided in the stern area of the hull (12).
10. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 to 9, characterized in that, particularly port and starboard, in the stern area of the hull (12) are provided guiding elements with a vertical wedge shape, which taper rearwards.

11. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 to 10, characterized in that covering devices are provided for the at least partial covering of recesses (42).
12. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 to 11, characterized in that the hull (12), particularly the bow-side guiding elements (24), are constructed for ice breaking purposes.
13. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 to 12, characterized in that a device for smearing with air bubbles is provided, particularly as described in DE 103 07 795.
14. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 to 13, characterized in that a setting angle of the propulsion units (16) is adaptable to a speed of travel.
15. Watercraft according to one of the claims 1 to 14, characterized in that on the guiding elements (24) are provided water supply slots (38) for the propulsion units (16), the water supply slots (38) being provided lengthwise to the direction of travel.